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steamship *Bogstad*, from Santiago de Cuba, with iron ore; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Assistant Surgeon McDowell.

Respectfully, T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from Cuban and South American ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., June 21, 1902.

SIR: I have to report the arrival of the following vessels at this port for the week ended this day: Netherlands steamship *Callisto*, from Daiquiri, with ore; British steamship *Lustleigh*, from Tocopilla, with nitrate of soda; Norwegian steamship *Habil*, from Baracoa, with fruit; Norwegian steamship *Storfond*, from Daiquiri, with ore; American barkentine *Frances*, from Rio de Janeiro, with coffee; American bark *Amy*, from Rio de Janeiro, with coffee.

Respectfully, WM. F. STONE,
Collector.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

El Paso, Tex., June 14, 1902—Inspection service.—I have the honor to transmit herewith summary of transactions at this station for the week ended June 14, 1902. Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 175; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 18; inspection of Mexican immigrants, 180; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 498 pieces; vaccination of immigrant children, 10; inspection of a certificate of death of corpse contained in hermetically sealed coffin transported into the United States, 1.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., June 11, 1902—Inspection service—Yellow fever at Vera Cruz and Tampico.—Referring to my telegram dated June 11, 1902, "Request authority to employ 1 person as temporary guard and disinfecter," the following are reasons for the employment of 1 intelligent man: Increase of yellow fever at Vera Cruz, with probability of epidemic at that point. (See PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, also daily press.) Received letter from Assistant Surgeon Goldberger to day stating 1 case of yellow fever in lazaretto at Tampico, Mexico, taken from steamer from Vera Cruz. Smallpox prevails at a small town (Lampazos) 72 miles south of here on railroad entering at this port. Persons can arrive at this port from Vera Cruz in forty seven hours, leaving them over one hour in Mexico City to make connection, and in a little less time from Tampico. The rule of the 2 railroads running out of Vera Cruz to Mexico City is to paste labels on trunks that are checked, with date of departure. These labels are often the means of detecting exact date of a passenger leaving Vera Cruz. All baggage of persons leaving Mexico is examined by Mexican customs officers just before crossing border, and U. S. Marine-Hospital Service guard during this procedure can unofficially get track of Vera Cruz baggage, etc., and report upon arrival of train at United States inspection station. Baggage of immigrants from Saltillo and Lampazos, Mexico, will have to be disinfected on account of smallpox prevailing at those points. Saltillo has a population of about 30,000; distance from Laredo, 235 miles. No doubt there are a few other small places on railroad where smallpox prevails, but I only know of these points at present, within 300 miles of this port.